(c) The Prime Minister made a menion of Vijayanagar Steel Plant in his speeches. The Planning Commission have been requested to have another look at the Vijayanagar Steel Plant to make it a viable venture.

Regional Offices and branches of State Bank of Indore

1054. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of branches of State Bank of Indore in the country and the number of Regional Offices alongwith their locations as on 30th June, 1989;

(b) what is the number of branches under these Regional Offices;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in comparison to the number of branches the number of Regional Offices of the Bank is more *vis-a-vis* other banks; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMBENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) State Bank of Indore has reported that, as at the end of June, 1989, 9 Regional Offices, three each at Indore and Bhopal and one each at Gwalior, Delhi and Bombay covering 324 branches were functioning in the country.

(c) and (d) State Bank of Indore has reported that keeping in view the strength of 324 branches, 9 Regional Offices is not a large number to control them. Moreover, these offices were opened after justification therefor was duly considered by the Executive Committee of the bank and after receipt of lincences from Reserve Bank of India.

Applications received by State Bank of Indore from unemployed SC and ST candidates

1055. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received during 1987, 1988 and upto 30th June, 1989 by State Bank of Indore from unemployed and educated youths belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, minority communities and women entrepreneurs to start business in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) what is the number of applications accepted, rejected and pending at present;

(c) what are the details thereof State-wise; and

(d) by when decision is likely to be taken on pending applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) Reserve Bank of India have reported that the data reporting system under the Self Employment Scheme for Educated Unemployed Youth, being implemented on financial year basis, does not generate the information in the manner asked for. Under the scheme, no reservation has been made for minority communities and women entrepreneurs. Hence no separate data is collected in respect of these beneficiaries. The data is, however, collected in respect of loans sanctioned to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe beneficiaries as per existing Reserve Bank of India guidelines. The position in respect of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh under the scheme in so far as target fixed, number of applications received, total number of applications sanctioned, share of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes out of total number of applications returned to District Industries Centre (DIC), rejected and pending by the State Bank of

Indore for the financial years 1987-88 and 1988-89 is as under:

Financial year	Target	No. of applications received	No. of applications sanctioned loans		No. of applications		
			Total	Out of which SC/ST	Returned to DIC	Rejected	Pending
Uttar Pradesh							
1987-88	4	6	4	..	..	2	..
1988-89	11	15	10	..	..	4	1
Madhya Pradesh							
1987-88	902	1910	923	52	102	880	..
1988-89	1787	3001	1780	92	370	850	1

The Scheme has since been extended for the current financial year also. The applications, therefore, received under current year's programme will be sanctioned before the close of the financial year viz. 31-3-1990.

Concealment of income by Indian Express Group

1056. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article which appeared in the Indian Express of 15th May, 1989 to the effect that Indian Express has never admitted in the court of law about falsification and concealment of income to the tune of Rs. 82.00 lakhs;

(b) if so, what is the actual position about the income tax and FERA concealment by the Indian Express group in view of the fact that the Indian Express is publishing different stories and creating confusion; and

(c) whether steps will be taken to recover the amount due as early as possible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The government is aware of the Editorial Comment captioned 'Undermining Parliament' that appeared in the 'Indian Express' on 15th May, 1989 wherein certain allegations were made regarding the statement made by MOS (Revenue) in the Rajya Sabha on 9th May, 1989. The MOS (Revenue), as could be seen from the corrected copy of the proceedings of the Rajya Sabha, on 9th May, 1989 had, *inter-alia*, stated thus:—

> "So far as the Indian Express is concerned, the Express Group as it is called, their Associates have admitted a concealed income of Rs. 81.72 lakhs as concealed income when search and seizure took place. The estimate made by the Income-tax Department exceeds Rs. 113.75 lakhs."